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**Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 4, 2007

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 049

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Monday, September 24, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 15, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2007 through February 15, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

<b>Dried Fruit and Nut Mix</b>	<b>5/5 lb.</b>	<b>21,840 cases</b>
<b>Dried Fruit and Nut Mix</b>	<b>24/1 lb.</b>	<b>4,368 cases</b>

**No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Note:** Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for **FY 2008**. The government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

**Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions – 25 percent of each product: Dried almonds, dried fig pieces, Natural (sun-dried) seedless raisins (must be coated with vegetable oil), and dried cherries.**

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2006 or later crop year.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.



All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
 INVITATION : 049  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 10 5/5 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/07 - 11/30/07					
001	BANGOR	ME	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
002	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	2,912	_____
003	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
004	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,017	_____
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	439	_____
005	NEWPORT	MN		1,456	_____
006	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	DAYTON	OH		364	_____
007	PHOENIX	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
008	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	528	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	564	_____
009	CORDELIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07					
010	CHARLESTON	WV		1,456	_____
011	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	869	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	587	_____
012	FAIRBURN	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____ *

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013	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/08 - 01/15/08

014	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 20 24/1 LB

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015	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	


016	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07

017	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 26,208

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 Felicitas Lofton  
 Contracting Officer  
 Commodity Procurement Branch  
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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